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The Honorable Magalie R. Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street N.E., Room 1A  
Washington D.C. 20426

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March 3, 2006

Dear Secretary Salas:

As members of the bipartisan, bicoastal Long Island Sound Caucus, we are writing to express our opposition to Broadwater, Royal Dutch Shell and TransCanada Corporation's proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in the Long Island Sound.

The Long Island Sound is a congressionally declared Estuary of National Significance. It contributes approximately \$5.5 billion dollars to the regional economy every year through sport and commercial fishing, recreation and tourism and it sustains a diversity of birds, wildlife and marine organisms, including the endangered Piping Plover. Millions in federal, state, municipal, and individual funds have been spent restoring and protecting its waters and habitats.

The Broadwater LNG facility, a regassification and storage complex in the center of the Long Island Sound, would be 1215' long, 80' from the waterline to trunk deck, and 200' wide. It would also include an anchoring system and a 22-mile trenched-into-the-sediment 30" diameter concrete-coated pipeline. LNG tankers would deliver cargo to the facility two to three times per week every week for the life of the project.

Security issues must be given paramount consideration when reviewing LNG facility safety and appropriateness, especially when siting the facility near densely populated areas like those in New York and Connecticut. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, offshore LNG facilities may be direct targets of terrorist attack. Despite these concerns, the 59A siting requirements remain unchanged since the 9/11 attacks.

Additionally, LNG safety systems could be indirectly impacted by a terrorist attack on our electric grid. Unfortunately, Shell and TransCanada have refused to disclose important safety information about the Broadwater facility, leaving many security questions unanswered. While we understand that some security information must remain classified, the public deserves to have basic safety questions answered.

Because accidents at LNG facilities may pose threats to human and ecological safety, large sections of the waters surrounding the platform and the area around each shipment tanker will be considered "no access" areas. The LNG platform will restrict the rights of people to fish and boat in that portion of the Sound.

This facility is the first proposal of its kind and therefore many of the environmental affects associated with it are unknown. However, evidence shows that there is potential for water quality in the immediate

area to be negatively affected by process water discharges, sewage wastewater treatment, stormwater runoff, vessel maintenance, LNG spills, and any results of an onboard fire.

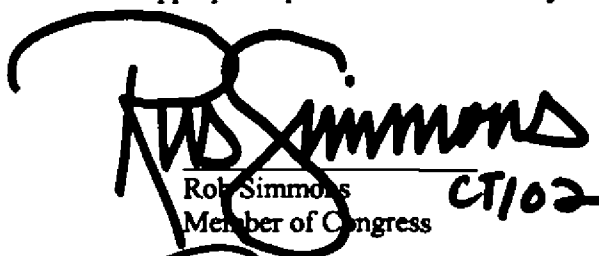
As you review Shell and TransCanada's proposal, we urge you to consider the incredible strides that have been made in recent years to improve the health of the Long Island Sound. Millions of dollars have been invested to ensure this national treasure is protected for future generations. Hundreds of acres of habitat have been restored near the Sound.

We support energy policies that will protect the Long Island Sound for future generations and promote a stable, sustainable and efficient energy system for our region. We ask you to reject the siting of Broadwater in Long Island Sound; its waters are an inappropriate place for such a facility.

Sincerely,



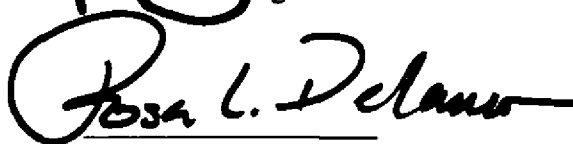
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